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Positive changes for winter games

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Staff Reporter

Organizers of the 55+ Ontario Winter Games made changes to the event since it was last hosted in Haliburton County in 2011, changes chairman Alan Clark believes had direct economic benefit to the community.

The games took place last week, with opening ceremonies on Tuesday night followed by two days of competition on Wednesday and Thursday.

In 2011, participants were fed a group meal at the high school.

"We took those people this time and put them in restaurants," Clark said. "So the money was going right into their hands."

Taste of the Highlands took participants to local eateries for meals. Others were served at local Legions and churches, creating income for service groups.

Between the women's hockey tournament that took place Tuesday and the events of the games, there were some 1,000 visitors to the county between Feb. 17 and 19, staying with 30 accommoda-

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A golden performance

Haliburton County's Ralph Burchert carves past a gate on his way to winning gold in alpine skiing for +55 men held at the Sir Sam's Ski and Bike during the OSGA 55+ Winter Games. Burchert finished with a total time of 80.62 (best three runs of four total runs). Haliburton's athletes swept the alpine ski events winning gold in every category. See pages 9-11 for full coverage. /DARREN LUM Staff

West Guilford resident first in Canada to receive heart device

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

For the past 10 years Bob Power has been feeling pretty powerless.

A resident of West Guilford, Bob has been suffering from heart-related health issues for nearly a decade, to the point where he was near death.

For years Bob, 65, felt listless and exhausted and spent most of his days sleeping.

"I had no energy," he said. "I was tired all the time."

A retired pastor and electrician originally from Halifax, Bob and his wife Gail spent years trying to determine what the cause of his exhaustion was, receiving many misdiagnoses, according to Gail.

Last summer, Bob lost his appetite, signalling his health was taking a turn for the worse.

"I started losing weight rapidly," he said. "I lost about 60 pounds in four months ... I slept all the time. I was just dragging myself, could barely move."

Last September, Bob was admitted to Toronto General Hospital and finally received a diagnosis of congestive heart failure.

"He wasn't eligible for a heart trans-

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Haliburton volunteer Jane Heyes was among several who helped at the Nordic ski event for the OSGA 55+ Winter Games held from Feb. 17 to 19 in Haliburton County. /DARREN LUM Staff

Games volunteers 'outstanding'

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tors throughout its expanse.

Of the event's \$500,000 cash budget, Clark estimated \$400,000 went directly to service providers such as accommodators and restaurants.

That figure is exclusive of extra meals and nights that were not included with participants' fees.

Fees included two nights' accommodations, but Clark explained many people opted to stay a third night and that accommodators struck them a deal.

"They gave the same, discounted rate for the third night," he said. One group of 10 stayed an entire week.

Clark said it was difficult to tangibly quantify what the event's total economic impact to the community would have been.

A provincial report following the 2011 games had cited \$1.4 million worth of "total economic activity" within the county.

Also, while last time around the entertainment budget was used to bring in an outside act, this time, it was used to pay local performers.

On the whole, participants were very pleased with their experience.

In a survey filled out by 240 participants, 48 per cent rated their overall experience as "outstanding," 46 per cent "very good," five per cent "fair," and one per cent "poor."

In the area of accommodations, those results were 49 per cent outstanding, 36 per cent very good, 11 per cent fair and three per cent poor.

For meals, 44 per cent of respondents gave them a rating of outstanding, 37 per cent very good, 16 per cent fair and three

per cent poor.

Thirty-four per cent of respondents rated the venues as outstanding, 49 as very good, 13 per cent as fair and three per cent as poor.

For competition organization, 43 per cent called it outstanding, 40 per cent very good, 13 per cent fair and five per cent poor.

Ninety-one per cent of respondents rated the games' volunteers as outstanding, eight per cent as very good and one per cent as fair.

Clark said one respondent created his own category of "super outstanding" for the volunteers, without whom, Clark emphasized, the games would not be possible.

"There was so much good will created by the volunteers," Clark said.

While there were approximately 250 volunteers registered with the games, Clark said the number was really closer to 400, when volunteers from the Legions and churches were included, and said organizers were working on a way to recognize the volunteers.

"I don't know that people appreciate what it takes to put this on," Clark said, highlighting the county's small population and large geographic area. "For us, this is a titanic piece of work, logistically. We're demanding so much from the community . . . and so much goes into it."

Clark believes the event should be lengthened to three days.

"Just trying to fit everything into two days is a struggle," he said.

Whether the community hosts another games in the future will be up to Haliburton County council.

STOP program offering free nicotine patches, resources

If you are a smoker, it is not too late to STOP. The Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients (STOP) Program is coming to Haliburton County on Thursday, March 5.

The free STOP program provides eligible smokers with five weeks of free nicotine patches, as well as educational material and other resources to help them quit.

While spaces are still available in the STOP Program, time is running out to sign up for the session.

Local smokers who are interested in attending the STOP Program are asked to call the Health Unit toll-free at 1-866-888-4577 to see if they are eligible to take part in the program.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is partnering with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

to bring STOP to Haliburton County.

"If your New Year's resolution to give up tobacco went up in smoke weeks ago, here is your opportunity to get back on track," says Jennifer Robertston, a public health nurse with the HKPR District Health Unit.

"Becoming tobacco-free can be challenge, and that is where the STOP Program can help you achieve the goal of quitting."

According to Robertson, the STOP Program is unique for providing nicotine patches free-of-charge to participants.

"Nicotine patches can be costly, but really improve the chances of quitting smoking," she adds.

"For that reason alone, it is worth finding out more about STOP."

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If they didn't put that [the machine] in, he'd be dead. I said whatever you have to do, just keep him alive.

— Gail Power

Bob and Gail Power feel blessed at their home in West Guilford while Bob recovers from open heart surgery he had on Oct. 31, 2014. Struggling with heart issues for the past decade, Bob is the first recipient in Canada to have this specific ventricular assist device implanted on his heart, which helps pump his heart, making it stronger.



New obstacles a small sacrifice for health

from page 1

plant because he was too sick,” said Gail. The doctors tried for weeks to strengthen Bob and his heart without success, she said.

So instead of a transplant doctors opted to implant a ventricular assist device (VAD) into Bob's body, making him the first recipient of this specific type of machine in Canada.

Bob underwent surgery on Oct. 31 and was released four weeks later.

“They had to split my chest open to go in and do this operation,” he said.

Placed right onto the heart, a VAD is a mechanical pump that helps strengthen the heart. It also helps to ensure blood flows better through the body as well as strengthening the liver and kidneys.

Once the VAD is implanted, it makes the blood flow in only one direction, from the ventricle, through the pump and out to the body, according to information provided by the Peter Munk Cardiac Centre.

The machine also includes a cable with electrical wires that connect the blood pump to the system controller and a power source, typically batteries. The cable goes through the body and out of the patient's stomach.

Since Bob's surgery two more patients in Canada have been implanted with the same device as part of a medical study. The machine is currently awaiting approval from the U.S. Food and Drug



Administration (FDA), said Bob.

“They can only test so many [patients], so there's only three of us that have it in Canada,” said Bob, adding more patients have it in the U.S.A. and Europe.

Although the machine is relatively new on the market and has not yet been given full approval, the decision to undergo surgery was a relatively easy one for both Gail and Bob, who have been married for 45 years.

“There was nothing else we could do,” said Bob. “I was too sick to worry about it.”

“If they didn't put that in he'd be dead,” said Gail. “I said whatever you

have to do just keep him alive.”

The transition home has been a smooth one for Bob, who has adapted well to the device.

“He hasn't had any problems at all,” said Gail.

To power his device, Bob must carry two large, heavy batteries with him at all times, one hooked up to the VAD and the other serving as a back-up. Four more batteries can be found at his home, getting charged up.

When a battery dies a loud alarm signals, giving Bob only 15 minutes to hook up a charged battery.

If something else goes wrong, a control-

The ventricular assist device operates on batteries, which are charged in this device. If the batteries die, an alarm sounds and the user has only 15 minutes to replace it with a fresh battery.

ler device that Bob must also carry with him at all times will notify him.

The VAD can be plugged into a mobile device that plugs into the wall, allowing Bob to sleep better at night.

The goal of the device is to strengthen Bob's heart enough so that he becomes eligible for a transplant, something the couple is hopeful for.

While it's not known what the machine's prognosis is, the Powers have been told it could last for a few years at least.

The couple say they had top-notch care at the hospital throughout Bob's ordeal and a wonderful support system in Haliburton, including family members and their church family.

Parents to two daughters and five grandchildren, Bob and Gail have already noticed a significant improvement in Bob's quality of life.

“I got to a point where I just didn't care [about living],” said Bob. “I'm doing better now.”

The device has created some obstacles for Bob, such as his inability to go swimming or take a shower or bath.

However those are small sacrifices to make for his improved health.

“I'd come home from work and he'd be on the couch with no strength at all, he just couldn't move,” said Gail. “The difference is day and night ... now he's out using the snowblower ... I mean he's still not 100 per cent but big changes.”

Fundraiser supports Special Olympics team

JENN WATT

Editor

There was music, dancing, food and lots of prizes to be won at the Red Wolves Special Olympics team fundraiser on Saturday night at the Haliburton Legion.

About 120 people came out for chicken parmesan and to support the team, which participates in a variety of sports including curling, bowling, baseball and golf.

Volunteer and organizer Yvette Brauer said 56 local individuals and businesses donated items for the evening, helping to raise money for the team.

In addition, Canoe FM gave a \$3,450 donation from their Radio Bingo program to the Red Wolves.

Money from the evening goes to support the team in their endeavours. For example, fundraised dollars were used last year for the first golf tournament, to buy team shirts for the athletes, bowling shoes, curling equipment, transportation to weekly curling and bowling and an annual awards event among other things.

Brauer thanks Leona Carter, Barb Piercey, Kim Burk, Judy Fisher, Rosina Hoare, Rick West, Barb Leffering, Dawn Piercey, Bernice Murray, John Childs, Malcolm and Lee Maclean and Ron Murphy among many others for making the evening a success.



Above, Malcolm Maclean, in blue, and Mark Roberts give Yvette Brauer a cheque for \$3,450 from Canoe FM's Radio Bingo at the Red Wolves fundraiser at the Haliburton Legion on Feb. 21. Members of the Red Wolves Special Olympics team gathered for the special presentation. /JENN WATT Staff



Left, Ron Murphy of Canoe FM reads out names handed to him by Rick West in an elimination round for some of the raffle prizes at the Red Wolves fundraiser in Haliburton on Feb. 21. /JENN WATT Staff

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HHHS welcomes hospice and palliative care manager to the team

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

When Melanie Hawkins was in university studying to become a nurse her aunt was diagnosed with a brain tumour that quickly took her life.

The experience forever changed the way Hawkins viewed health care and the role nurses can have in someone's final life stages.

"I remember as soon as she was diagnosed, my family and I started grieving," she said. "I knew this was a terminal cancer ... I remember going to my aunt's house three months later and she was sobbing, because she had just realized she was palliative ... I thought what a sin, we should have been on that sooner, we should have been helping her sooner."

Prior to the experience Hawkins always thought she wanted to be a surgical nurse, but watching the care her aunt received from an amazing team of health-care professionals made Hawkins realize palliative care was a very rewarding profession.

"They made such a difference in my aunt's life, in the dying process," she said. "Honestly it's the most rewarding job as a nurse I think you could ever have had ... with palliative you get to meet the family and you help them, as much as possible, in probably one of the hardest times in their lives."

From Lindsay, Hawkins, 39, has been a nurse for 17 years, working previously with Lakeridge Health in Oshawa for a decade.

"That's where I first started doing palliative care," she said.

Her most previous position, with ParaMed Home Health Care, had her working in Haliburton County one day a week, making her familiar with the area.

"The services and supports that are in this community blow my mind away, it's just amazing," said Hawkins.

Hired in December to be the new manager of hospice and palliative care for the Community Support Services Division of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Hawkins was interested in the position because of the challenges and opportunities it presented.

"With my nursing role at ParaMed I wasn't involved in palliation," she said. "I thought I'd like to get back into palliation and hospice."

Since settling into her new role, Hawkins has found the job to be a whirlwind that she is enjoying. The manager has had no shortage of learning to do, as the position is a newly created one since the integration of HHHS with hospice services and palliative care.

"My job is to ensure that everyone in this community has access to the best palliative care they can get," she said. "A big part of my job is to make sure that everybody does die with the dignity that they deserve."

Hawkins believes even those in the palliative stage have lots of living left to do, and that is the message she is trying to convey.

"As soon as that diagnosis happens, everyone starts grieving," she said. "It's really about changing people's mindset ... everyone thinks doom and gloom but it doesn't have to be. It can be a very amazing, spiritual experience for people who want it to be that."

Another big part of her job will be to roll out a new palliative care team, which HHHS recently received funding for. The team will include a palliative care co-ordinator, who will help match up community resources to those needing them.

"Everything is going to be client centred, client specific," said Hawkins.

The manager is hoping to get the palliative team up and running by April 1.

Within her role, Hawkins is hoping to offer more grief support for staff and family members of those in palliative care. This is something she thinks all health-care providers across the province could improve on.

"A big part of my job is going to be the education of staff, patients, volunteers and the community of what palliation is," said Hawkins. "People always think it's right at the end of life ... it's truly not, it's a mindset. We don't want to get to people when they are actively dying, we want to be able to help them before they get to that phase, so they can the best quality of life as long as possible."

Something she is currently overseeing is the introduction of more palliative services at HHHS.

"One of the things we're doing right now is scheduling to have a volunteer in the hospital," she said. "So instead of just going into the hospice suite to see if those families need help and support, we're offering it to all the people that are in the hospital who may be palliative."

Some of that support might be offering conversation, or reading to a patient.

HHHS is set to start construction this spring on a new palliative care wing, which will be located at the Haliburton hospital. The wing will include two suites, which feature kitchenettes and living facilities.

"We're hoping to make it as much of a home like setting as possible," said Hawkins.

The department is currently seeking people interested in volunteering for hospice and palliative care, as there is always a demand, said Hawkins.

"Our numbers are growing quite rapidly," she said.

Prior to starting, volunteers receive free classroom training, covering topics such as how to deal with grief. Areas in particular need of volunteers are Minden and Wilberforce.

To volunteer, contact volunteer resources co-ordinator Brigitte Gebauer at 704-457-2941.

Melanie Hawkins is the new manager of hospice and palliative care, under the recently formed community support services division of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services. From Lindsay, Hawkins joined the team in December. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff





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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Proper care

A COUPLE OF weeks ago, Canada's highest court lifted the ban on doctor-assisted suicide, giving the federal government a year to act on the change.

In responses to the controversial ruling, a plea often heard was to improve palliative care in Canada.

Because while the recent decision by the courts now offers options to those facing severe illness, even without a ban, it will likely be seldom used.

Quality end of life care, on the other hand, should be available to everyone.

Surprisingly, it isn't.

According to the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association: "Only 16 per cent to 30 per cent of Canadians who die currently have access to or receive hospice palliative and end-of-life care services – depending on where they live in Canada. Even fewer receive grief and bereavement services."

In Haliburton County, we've been steadily increasing services for people entering the last stages of their lives and this week we have more insight into how that will happen.

In a story on page 5, Angelica Blenich interviews the new hospice and palliative care manager Mela-

nie Hawkins.

Hawkins is tasked with co-ordinating a community palliative care team, which recently got \$120,000 from the province in ongoing funding, alongside working with an already sizeable group of hospice volunteers formerly with SIRCH and the palliative care suite at the Haliburton hospital.

By the summer, Haliburton Highlands Health Services is expecting to break ground on a second suite – something the foundation has been fundraising for in the Making Moments Matter campaign.

Additionally, SIRCH, which ran hospice services before it moved to HHHS during integration, is now offering bereavement support.

Hawkins's perspective on end-of-life care

is refreshing and hopefully represents a new direction not just in Haliburton, but in the province around how we handle the dying process.

"It's really about changing people's mindset," Hawkins says in this week's paper, "everyone thinks doom and gloom, but it doesn't have to be. It can be a very amazing, spiritual experience for people who want it to be that."



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Editorial



Solitary tree

by Darren Lum

Letting go

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A Senior's Moment

We have a few friends, mainly females, who over the passage of time have lost their loved ones and compan-

ions. Some of these individuals have learned how to accept their loss while others cling passionately to memories of their dearly departed. This makes for a very sad existence for the one still mourning.

One lady we know has had a terrible time saying goodbye to her husband who died many years ago. Enough years now that she should be getting on with her own life. Following is the advice we were able to give to her and maybe to you.

We do not pretend to have all the answers but we have all lost those near and dear to us and somehow survived.

He is not gone as long as he lives within you. There is no such thing as death when the departed loved one stays in your memory. Just don't keep the memory so alive that neither you nor the departed can rest. Don't make your home a shrine to your lost loved one. This will only intensify your suffering.

Objects in your shrine do not hold the memories. Your heart does. Let go. You can't exist on memories. Get on with living and in doing so, make the departed proud that you are carrying on for him and now his memories will evoke smiles and not tears.

If you know of someone who is having this great problem of continuing a happy life after a serious loss of a loved one, visit him or her - don't give sympathy, just company. Talk about happy days that might bring smiles. Try to understand without helping to build more sorrow.

Always remember that we Haliburton seniors have survived much and have tried to understand much and have tried to be there to lend a helping hand, some advice and a lot of encouragement.

We have lived through trying times and succeeded in still smiling and helping our neighbor. Keep it up, Haliburton seniors.

Online Opinions: Tweets and messages from readers

What would it take to get you to participate in the Polar Bear Challenge next year?

Rachel Mouldley

Hot towels and hot coffee.

Terri Mathews-Carl

Plus 25 degree temps outside...

Gord Hoenow

A swimming pool for the County.

Erika Barratt

Warmer water

Malcolm Maclean

First: I cannot be on-air at Canoe FM ... I have responsibilities, honest! Second, the age fairy must make me at least 10 years younger. Third, don't tell my wife or she'll take out another life insurance policy on me.

Melissa Murray

A slide into the water. Of course there would need to be some warm water on the slide to keep bums from freezing.

Lorna Nickole Keller

Weather like we had this year! And yes a water slide would be awesome!!

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points of view

In praise of warmth

EVERY NOW AND THEN I get the feeling that we outdoorsy types give the general public the wrong impression.

For example, just because we hunt, snowshoe and fish in the wintertime and late fall outside of shelters and sometimes sit for turkey in the snow in the early season (that happened on our local opener last year), people have the mistaken idea that we actually enjoy shivering and turning blue.

They think we actually embrace the cold.

Believe me, nothing could be further from the truth.

We do not embrace the cold. The cold embraces us. And often in highly inappropriate places.

Because of this, I and every other Canadian outdoorsman and woman, has a heightened appreciation of warmth. That's why we try to ensure our long underwear is airtight.

Ah, yes, warmth. In the few instances when we can actually enjoy it, no one is happier.

This explains why I was humming a happy tune and hugging my pillows and blankets the other night after spending an entire day outside in -26 degree temperatures while standing on what was essentially a huge three-foot thick block of ice.

It was not, as Jenn suggested, another sign that I was "losing it." A lot of outdoorsmen say nice things to their pillows and blankets while curled up in a fetal position. Admittedly, my toes might have overdone the high praise. That's understandable though; they suffered most.

Look, I don't dislike cold, but right about now I'm starting to think that a whole lot less of it would be nice.

How much is a whole lot less?

Well, I wouldn't mind ice fishing from a boat – while wearing shorts, sunscreen and a T-shirt.

Obviously, that's not going to happen any time soon. It might not even

happen in July if this weather trend continues.

There are still at least 30 days of severe winter left in these parts. And by that, I mean my parts. The good news, however, is eventually they'll thaw.

So, I, like most outdoorsmen, am going to have to just endure this cold until spring arrives with its warming rays of sunshine. In the meantime, I will probably resort to extreme measures to keep warm over the remainder of winter.

This means I might have to remember to bring my mittens along or perhaps even patch up the holes in my snowmobile suit. Worse still, I'm going to have to rely more and more on the heat found within the confines of ice huts.

I'm not a fan of ice huts but even I will admit that they can be an oasis of warmth on a very frigid day. All you need to do is walk into one after enduring temperatures of -30 or less to discover that there is no wind chill in an ice hut, only wind warmth.

Unless, the other guys aren't in the hut, then, you've have no choice but to use the stove.

This, of course, is no small feat.

An ice hut stove is reminiscent of a teenage son or daughter. No matter how much you coax, it only works for you when it wants to. And, more often than not, you get burned in the process.

The rewards however can be fantastic. Once the stove is going, you can, once again, feel what it is like to have the internal body temperature that our systems were designed to function at. There's nothing like the feeling of internal organs coming to life again and frozen extremities wiggling with joy. Hopefully you are not outside watering a snow bank when this happens though.

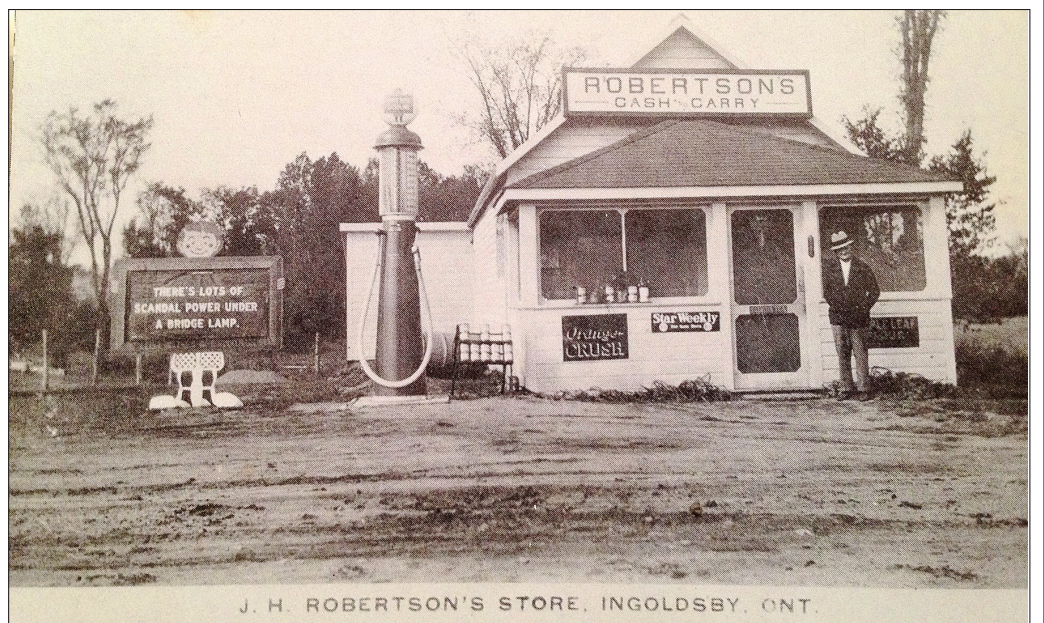
All this is to say that, contrary to popular belief, we outdoorsy types do like warmth and in fact adore it. The problem is this is a scarce commodity in winter when you spend time outside.

Yes you can start a bonfire. But that can lead to a whole other set of problems – especially when you are standing on the ice.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Robertsons Store at Ingoldsby 1939 with note on reverse that says the main building was part of a highway camp. Photo submitted by Carol Moffatt and Tony Aymong

letters to the editor

Ideas to get the HHHS message out

To the Editor,

Glad to read it [Haliburton Highlands Health Services money] is a provincial grant received for rebranding, because it sounds like HHHS has already been rebranded and it sure needs to get that news out.

Just to review the bidding here, HHHS offers acute care, emergency facilities, provides long-term care, mental health services, supportive housing, meals on wheels, hospice services, transportation services, adult day programming, diners' club, geriatric assessment and integration network, and has hired a community GAIN co-ordinator, including support for those with mental health conditions, providing assisted living, physiotherapy services and a palliative care community team. Probably more, but my head is already spinning. Who these services are for, where they are available, when they are available, who you have to book with, any prerequisites, preregistration, referrals required, are questions that are bound to arise. Plus many more.

To get this amount of information properly disseminated, it could well require town hall meetings, allowing time for question and answer sessions in many areas of this sprawling county, certainly in more locations than just Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce. In addition, making personnel available to address the many service clubs in the area as well would allow for smaller audiences with perhaps specific concerns. Radio interviews, maybe taped, maybe live with call-ins, would be beneficial. Newspaper articles addressing frequently asked questions could help.

Links directly from websites that either used to provide these services or websites of organizations whose members would have an interest in those services ought to be established. Off the top of my head, SIRCH, VON, CARP, Point In Time, would all be contenders.

Establish a direct help-line whose purpose is to provide callers-in with information on services they may require, an ability to refer them to the right people, and a willingness to mail out brochures. Which neatly brings me to brochures. The services offered now by HHHS can be grouped and outlined so that those in need of one service can identify the complementary services also offered. There may well be duplication, but when someone needs the kind of help offered by HHHS, they need all the support they can get as they may not have the experience to ask the right questions.

All of the foregoing would surely cost \$45,000 (\$50,000 is only \$45,000+tax), taking into account the costs of hospital personnel time, travel expenses, venue rentals, printing costs, advertising expenses, and so on. Designing a new logo would not only be a significant expense (what on earth is wrong with the existing one?), but it would also eat up the time of those whose day jobs don't involve debating the merits of teal over turquoise. As well, there is the associated cost of new letterheads, envelopes, business cards, brochures, forms, et cetera, that needs to be taken into account.

In the spirit of bread before circuses, bandages before graphics.

Anne-Marie Borthwick
Haliburton

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Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve owner/operator Peter Schleifenbaum was the keynote speaker at the Environment Haliburton annual general meeting held at Fleming College on Feb. 21. Schleifenbaum spoke on climate change and its effect on areas such as Haliburton County and the Haliburton Forest.
/ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

Climate change leaving its mark on the Haliburton Forest

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Those who think climate change is not having an effect on Haliburton County need to look no further than the Haliburton Forest for proof.

On Feb. 21 owner/operator of the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve Peter Schleifenbaum spoke to more than 30 people attending the Environment Haliburton annual general meeting on the effects of climate change.

Titled *The climate is changing ... at Haliburton Forest*, the talk outlined some of the major environmental shifts that have taken place in the past number of years and the changes that are still to come.

The Haliburton Forest currently comprises about 80,000 acres of land in Haliburton County, which is forested in a sustainable manner, thus combating climate change, said Schleifenbaum.

"When we talk about forestry, obviously everybody is thinking of log trucks on the road," he said. "Timber and timber production and forestry is part of the solution, it's not part of the problem."

The Haliburton Forest is a multi-use forest, including research and education, recreation, conservation, timber production and more.

While not everyone is convinced that climate change is real, the difficulty lies in addressing the difference between climate and weather, says Schleifenbaum.

"It's very hard to talk about climate change," said Schleifenbaum. "Our weather today is a lot cooler than it's supposed to be."

However this will not always be the case, as we will face a dramatic change in climate over the next 100 years, said Schleifenbaum.

The shift in the overall climate has affected the species of trees able to survive in Haliburton County as well as animal ecology.

One of the ways the Forest will address this environmental shift is to plant specific species of trees, such as black walnut.

"We think that might be one of the trees of the future," said Schleifenbaum. "The scientific term for what we are doing is called ... assisted migration."

Another response is to conduct as much research as possible, which is happening at the Forest through many projects.

"One of the more interesting projects that we're involved with, with a German university, is that we have wired an entire small stand of trees, a small forest, and what those trees are doing is they're giving us their growth data every five minutes," he said. "It is amazing what those trees tell us."

Some of the information gained from this research is how trees are reacting to stresses, such as droughts, and events such as a thunderstorms, which sees increased growth due to nutrients received.

The topic of climate change is not all doom and gloom however, as there is hope, says Schleifenbaum.

There are many things we can personally do to combat climate change, including conducting more research, education and more innovation.

"I think there is still time to move and time to act," said Schleifenbaum.

HCPL's DVD of the month: Chef

Chef Carl Casper is in a rut. Once one of the edgiest chefs in California, he now prepares the same dishes day-in-day-out for an uninspired restaurant owner. Divorced from his wife, and estranged from his son, facing a scathing review from ultimate food blogger and an altercation gone viral, Chef Carl walks out on his stable but bland career and heads out to Miami to resurrect an old food truck and make a new start. Travelling across the United States with his son, Chef Carl's journey is as much about rekindling his passion about life as it is about rekindling his passion about food.

Written, produced, directed and starring Jon Favreau, *Chef* is a feel good movie with a star studded cast. It was featured at the Haliburton International Film Festival and is available on DVD at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

"What should I read next?" Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, or find us on Pinterest and get some great reading recommendations from HCPL. You can also join our Online Book Club on Goodreads which features four selections

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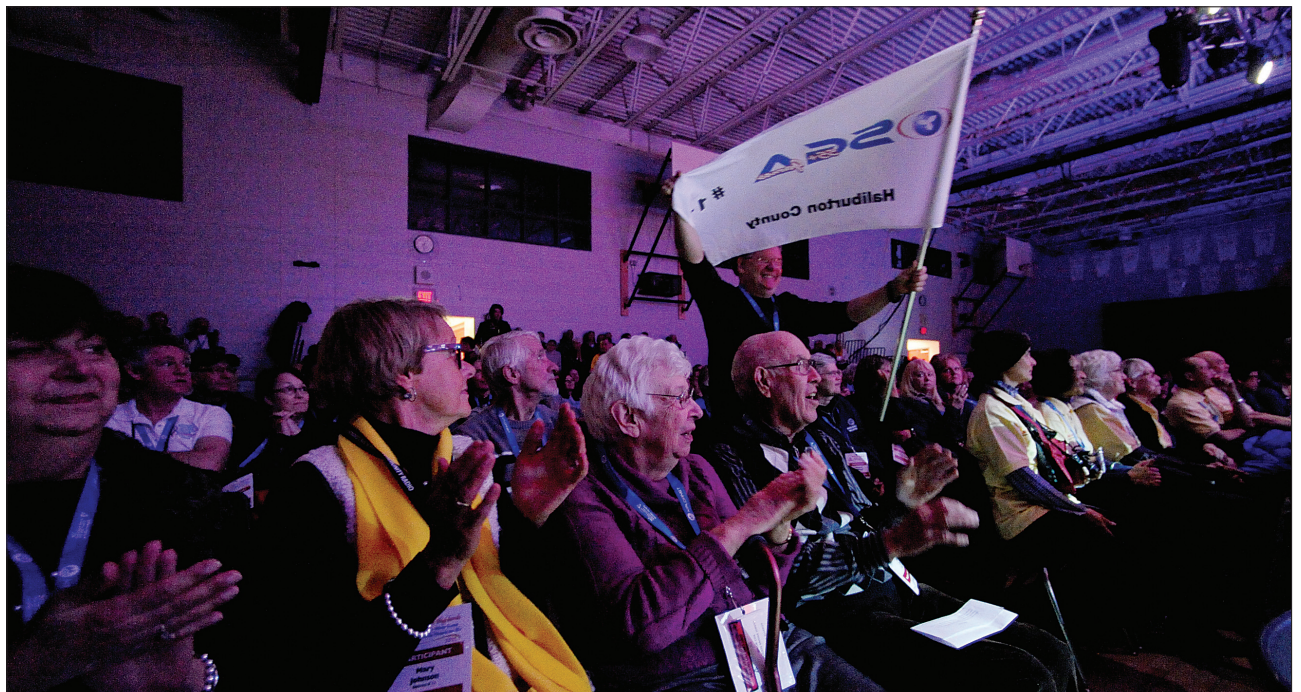


Winter Games



Welcoming Games

Clockwise, from left, four-time world champion skater Kurt Browning hosted the Haliburton Highlands' OSGA 55+ Winter Games opening ceremonies on Tuesday, Feb. 17; Games' chairman Alan Clark; Haliburton County's Bev Hicks carried in the district 11 (Haliburton County) flag at the opening; Minden's Brigitte Gall introduced Browning; Browning holds up a sweater with (Elvis) Stojko on the back, which was part of a joke that implied he was the second choice to host the event; Browning also showed his skating ability, making his way around the gym at the opening ceremonies in inline skates; and Haliburton's Jack Cox reads the Athletes' Oath.



Haliburton County (district 11) had 47 competitors compete in the Haliburton County hosted games from Feb. 17 to 19 that included 850 registered participants. The events include duplicate bridge, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, hockey, curling, Nordic skiing, alpine skiing, prediction skating and ten pin bowling (held in Huntsville). There were 216 volunteers; 116 drivers, officials and VIPs; and the total number visitors was 1006. The event's gold sponsors were Re/Max and Colio Estate Winery.

Photos by (next two pages) Darren Lum





Clockwise, from top left, district 11 (Haliburton County) participants Sheila Ziman (despite the negative 20 degrees Celsius temperatures) won gold in the five kilometre prediction; Marianne Fenninger of Haliburton County takes a tight line, heading to a first place finish in the alpine skiing (55+) event; 55+ hockey player Bev Hicks; Doris Pierson (75+) skis to gold; and Haliburton County's skip Bob Johnson throws his rock, as teammate Bob MacNaull prepares to sweep during the Haliburton Highlands OSGA 55+ Winter Games held from Feb. 17 to 19.





District 11 (Haliburton County) participants clockwise, from top left, Mary Johnson (novice) smiles while playing duplicate bridge; Steve Roberts (55+), in blue, attempts to cut past his defender during round-robin action; Willie Cox, second from left, with husband Jack, far right, concentrate in duplicate bridge (open); Victor Ettel (75+) takes a gate on his way to gold; Pauline Plooard (55+) won bronze in the five kilometre time trial; and Barbara Ablett (65+) tucks down to a first place finish. Other Haliburton county participants not pictured are:

Ice hockey (55+)
Dan Ambridge, Tim Curry, Lee Donaldson, Kim Emmerson, Larry Kent, Micheal McGee, Joe Roberts, Greg Ross, Ted Vasey, Ian Wilson, Jim Winn, Rick Wood and Robert Woodcock

Ice hockey (65+)
Robert Ashleigh, David Baker, Grant Clayton, David Dollo, Ron Earle, Larry Hartin, Bill James, Larry Kalynuk, Sherdon Kellett, Ron May, Frank Powers, Glen Smith and Norris Turner

Table tennis (65 +)
Vaclan (Vasa) Rehacek
Hans Walter

Curling (mixed)
Sheila Campbell and Anne MacNaull

Duplicate bridge
Sandy McKay



Snow shuffle approaches

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Eleanor Cooper
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In the current annual wildlife issue of *Canadian Geographic* there appears an article featuring Peter Schleifenbaum and his protection of wolves. To quote: "he wants to teach people that the animals are neither noble nor evil; they are just part of a natural ecosystem." The article goes on to describe the damage done when the fencing was cut on Jan. 1, 2013 but also demonstrates the success of the establishment of the new alpha pair. Hats off to Peter who persists in the work of making his dream a reality in the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre.

Several local residents involved in

our musical world are informed that the annual music festival has been cancelled for this year. Those in choirs, bands, or individual vocal or instrumental activity are advised to look ahead to 2016 in spring for future details.

Snowshuffle begins on Feb. 28 at 9 a.m. at the Community Centre. You may choose to do the whole run including dinner and dance, or one or two of the above. Any participation is a contribution to the cause.

Euchre on Feb. 17

High - Ruth Fletcher and Ray Campbell
Low - Kathleen Owens and Perry Morrison

Most Lone Hands - Kay Morrison and Neil Moore

Snowshoeing is a weekly event at Abbey Gardens on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Cooking demonstrations at Abbey Gardens is in the hands of Michelle Connelly, baker of healthy sweets. Call 754-4769 for details.

Man charged with drug offences

On Friday, Feb. 20, at approximately 6:30 p.m., members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of Ontario Provincial Police arrested an individual who was wanted on an outstanding warrant as a result of a traffic stop on Highway 118 near County Road 3 in the Dysart et al.

During investigation police also located and seized a quantity of suspected marijuana, cocaine, miscellaneous drug paraphernalia and cash.

The driver, a 28-year-old man from

Peterborough has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule II substance- Cannabis Marijuana- under 30 grams
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine

The accused is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on April 1 answer to the charges.

He was subsequently turned over to Peterborough Police Services in regards to his outstanding warrant.

Submitted

Community Builders

Joanne Vanier

JENN WATT

Editor

Joanne Vanier is passionate about the community of Wilberforce.

Since arriving in 1990 from Scarborough, she and her husband Mike have been active participants in the community and a big part of that activity is volunteering.

Vanier initially got involved with a group organizing concerts for kids and soon found herself active with the Wilberforce Agricultural Society, Monmouth Figure Skating Club, Wilberforce Roller Skating Club and SIRCH's Hike for Hospice.

She says she didn't do much volunteering in the city, but noticed it was part of the culture of Haliburton County and quickly integrated with the rest of the community.

"It makes living in this area a lot nicer," she says.

Vanier also works on a geocaching project called GeoTour. She works part-time as the GeoTour liaison officer on the project and volunteers more time on top of that.

She scouts for locations to put the caches (small objects people can hunt for in the landscape using GPS) and has been building 100 of those caches at home.

"My house is full of spray-painted articles and things under construction," she says. Some of the 100 caches have already been placed and Vanier checks on them to make sure they are weathering the cold.

She first got interested in geocaching when her daughter was in Girl Guides.

"It's a really fun activity ... because you can do it whenever you want," she says. "This you can do anytime the mood strikes you."

Vanier sees geocaching as one of the ways Wilberforce and Highlands East can

stand out amongst other rural locales.

"We have this claim that we are the Geocaching Capital of Canada. We've got the signs up, so the GeoTours are going to reinforce it. There are only five GeoTours in all of Canada. There's only one other one in Ontario," she says.

Much of the volunteering Vanier does is behind the scenes. She often finds herself doing bookkeeping for various organizations, maintaining websites, or organizing fundraisers.

It's hard for the average person to know just how many hours of work go into making events successful or keeping community organizations afloat.

"Nobody who isn't involved in the process can comprehend all of the work that goes into it," she says of work on the fair.

The payoff is watching your work come to life. In the case of the Wilberforce fair, it's watching families enjoying the complex multi-day event that brings farm animals, food, displays and demonstrations to the hamlet once a year.

"Every time someone makes a comment about the fair ... There's definitely some pride there."



Coming Events

Kick off Maple Syrup Season with the Haliburton Highlands Museum's Tap and Tour!

Strap on your snowshoes (or borrow some from the museum) and join us on the trails to learn all about how early settlers would have tapped their maple trees to get ready for spring!

All ages welcome!

Saturday, February 28th, 1-3pm
66 Museum Road

(accessible from Bayshore Road/HWY 118)

Mark Your Calendar! Our annual Maple Fest celebration will return from March 17th-21st with lots of new activities and sweet syrup made the old-fashioned way!

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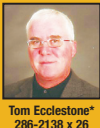
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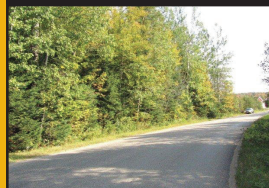
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Red Hawks wrestler Justin Irvine, who finished third (72 kilograms), pries on his opponent with a deep half-nelson at the COSSA Championships on Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Quinte Secondary School in Belleville. /PAUL KLOSE submitted



COSSA is golden for Red Hawks

On Thursday, Feb. 19, the Red Hawks wrestling team competed at the 2015 Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics Wrestling Championships at Quinte Secondary School in Belleville. The tournament hosted over 140 athletes from the Kawartha and Bay of Quinte regions. Fifteen HHSS wrestlers qualified for the championships by ranking among the top four at the Kawartha Championships held on Feb. 11.

Haliburton wrestlers performed very well at the challenging event. Eight Red Hawks placed in the top four of their weight classes. Coaches Dan Fockler and Paul Klose are pleased with the results. Most of the HHSS wrestlers are junior athletes performing at a senior-level tournament. They have shown potential for even greater success in future years.

Congratulations goes to COSSA champions Keagan Gillam and Matt Sexsmith, who both advance to the OFSAA Wrestling Championships held in Windsor on March 3 and 4.

Submitted by Paul Klose

Red Hawks wrestler Matt Sexsmith, who finished first (95 kilograms), pummels for inside control on his opponent Dan Barker of Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute at the COSSA Championships on Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Quinte Secondary School in Belleville. Sexsmith's teammate Keagan Gillam also won. Both will advance to the all-provincials. /PAUL KLOSE submitted



Township of Algonquin Highlands requires a Stanhope Heritage Day Event Coordinator

The Township of Algonquin Highlands welcomes applications for a temporary contract position for a Stanhope Heritage Day Coordinator.

Working with the Stanhope Museum Committee, the Stanhope Heritage Day Coordinator will use new and existing resources to organize, coordinate and promote the 12th Annual Stanhope Heritage Day to be held on **Saturday, July 18, 2015**.

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- Significant demonstrated management experience and understanding of local government, municipal administration and land use planning.
- Excellent interpersonal, project/time management, organizational, analytical, communication and presentation skills.
- Strong computer skills.

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Notice



NOTICE TO TRUCKERS 2015 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216, the County of Haliburton enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect the County roadways during spring thaw, when road damage is most likely to occur.

Restriction on permits issued under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216:

As outlined in the Highway Traffic Act and County of Haliburton By-Law #2216, reduced loading will be in effect in the County of Haliburton effective 12:01 a.m. on March 1, 2015.

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NAVIGATION PROTECTION ACT

MMM Group Limited (MMM), on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO), hereby gives notice that an application has been made to the Minister of Transport, pursuant to the *Navigation Protection Act* for approval of the work described herein and its site and plans.

Pursuant to section 5(6)b) of the said Act, MMM, on behalf of the MTO, has deposited with the Minister of Transport and in the Land Registry District of Haliburton at Minden, Ontario, under deposit number H284632, a description of the following work, its site and plans:

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Signed at Ottawa, Ontario this 18th day of February, 2015.

Doug Raby, P. Eng.
MMM Group Limited

Above left, Red Hawks defenceman Chris Hall, right, battles with a Crestwood Mustangs player to allow his goalie Logan Churko to see the puck in the second game of the best-of-three playoff series, which ended 3-3 after a five minute overtime on Friday, Feb. 20 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Teammate Matt Wilbee, photo right, scored on the shootout for the game winner and series clincher to advance the Hawks to the Kawartha semi-finals hosted by Haliburton this coming Thursday (Feb. 26) at the A.J. LaRue at 10 a.m. The Kawartha championship final is at 2 p.m. at the A.J. LaRue Arena./DARREN LUM Staff

Solid showing at Kawartha for junior Hawks volleyball

The following are HHSS sports briefs for the week ending Feb. 20.

Coming through in the clutch

The varsity girls' hockey team defeated Cobourg West 4-2 on Tuesday, Feb. 17. Alicia McLean, Cassidy Garbutt, Sydney Cameron, and Kelsey Maracle all netted singles in this must-win game.

Spiking good time

The junior girls' volleyball team played very well in the Kawartha championship tournament, defeating Lakefield two straight and splitting against the St. Thomas Titans and Knights of Norwood. Congratulations on a great season.

Submitted by Judi Paul

ATTENTION

Haliburton Area Contractors

The Municipalities of Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills are holding Information Sessions to help improve the process to obtain Building & Septic Permits and for general discussions to any changes in the Building Code.

We are interested in your input. Everyone is welcome

**Where: A.J. La Rue Community Centre
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When: Septic Permits: Thursday March 5, 2015 - 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Building Permits: Thursday March 12, 2015 - 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM





Red Hawks centerman Curtis Ballantyne celebrates a goal in the second game of the best-of-three playoff series against the Crestwood Mustangs with Joel Fedeski, who assisted on the play. /DARREN LUM Staff

Red Hawks advance to Kawartha final four

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School rookie centreman Matt Wilbee dangled his way into the hearts of the Red Hawks faithful when he scored the game-winner during the overtime shootout after a five minute overtime couldn't break a 3-3 tie on Friday, Feb. 20 at the A.J. LaRue Arena with the visiting Crestwood Secondary School Mustangs.

Hawks coach Ron Yake said he chose the slick stickhandling Wilbee because of his one-on-one skills he showcased at a tournament in Oshawa earlier this season in a penalty shootout.

"Wilbee was in it and scored and I've seen him do a few things during our practices so he was the guy. He's got lots of confidence when it comes to the shootout," he said. "He was the guy to go to first because the other two guys had just gotten off a shift and were maybe a little tired."

Wilbee was in strong company, as he led the shootout for the Hawks, preceding veteran players and established scorers, Curtis Ballantyne and Joel Fedeski.

Neither could score, leaving Wilbee's goal to stand as the only shootout goal, as the opponents three shooters could not beat Hawks goalie Logan Churko.

Yake really doesn't like the shootout to decide a game, but liked the end result.

"It's an exciting way to win, a terrible way to lose, but an exciting way to win. I don't like shootouts personally I'd rather go three-on-three and let the team decide type of thing," he said.

He adds the key to the win in the tight-checking game was getting the puck to the net at the start of the third period when Mac Rider scored on a deflection for the team's third goal (and believed to be the winner at the time until the Mustangs player Shane Barbeau scored with 36 seconds left, as goalie Jacob Nanni was

on the bench for the extra attacker).

Rider's ability to reach the puck to redirect it seemingly happened in slow motion, but the direction change was enough to beat a surprised Mustangs goalie Nanni, who moved, leaving an empty net.

Yake said both teams looked better than the first game.

"I thought our guys had a lot more energy today than we did on Tuesday. Their team did too. You could tell they were a desperate team, playing for their lives you might say in hockey. I think we were skating much better," he said.

Having veteran centre Ballantyne, who scored the second goal, back after missing the first playoff game due to an injury was important since he tallied the second team goal and assisted on Fedeski's goal, which started the scoring for the game.

Both finished with a pair of points while teammates Owen Flood, Wilbee, Chris Hall and Max MacNaull each had an assist.

Yake on an in-tight shot just before the Mustangs tied the game.

The late goal could've been demoralizing for the home side, but Wilbee's heroics ended the best-of-three series early.

Getting to host the Kawartha Championships by virtue of their first place standing after the regular season doesn't mean anything in the playoffs.

"You know that's exciting. We've had a great year, but when it comes to playoffs there is no guarantees," he said.

The Kawartha Championship tournament will be held in Haliburton County on Thursday.

The Hawks will play at 10 a.m. at the A.J. LaRue Arena while the other semi-finalists will also play at 10 a.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

This tournament will end with the championship final on the same day at the A.J. LaRue Arena at 2 p.m.



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Photo far left, Red Hawks forward Brynn Meyers attempts to cut by a Cobourg West Vikings defender. Photo left, Alicia McLean, who finished with two goals, breaks in on the Vikings goalie in a Kawartha High School Hockey League game on Friday, Feb. 20 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks won this game 3-0 to close out their regular season 5-5-2 and enter the playoffs this week. / DARREN LUM Staff

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Lady Hawks looking for Kawartha upset

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It might not have changed the Kawartha High School League standings, but the Lady Hawks enjoyed a 3-0 shutout over the visiting Cobourg West Vikings this past Friday at the A.J. LaRue arena in Haliburton.

Hawks forward Alicia McLean tallied a pair of goals, including the game-winner in the victory while goalie Connor Marsden had solid defence in front of her to help with the shutout to end the season on a high note.

The win in an otherwise inconsequential game gives the Hawks a .500 record (5-5-2) for the final league standings. Hawks forward Sydney Feir scored a goal while teammates Cassidy Garbutt, Erica Carmount, Jamie Little and Sydney Cameron all added one assist.

Hawks coach Dan Marsden, who wanted his team to finish .500 or better at the start of the season, was satisfied with the end result.

A few games before this win, Marsden said, the Red Hawks "guaranteed" themselves a playoff spot in the Kawartha Championships with a win over the same Cobourg West Vikings.

The subsequent game against I.E. Weldon Wildcats, who were their closest rival in the standings, didn't mean anything because mathematically the Hawks were too far ahead in points after the Vikings game.

"Both games were nothing games, but I told the girls let's work on things and make it like a scrimmage practice for us. Kind of work on things that [we want to use to] get ready for St. Pete's," he said.

Today's (Feb. 24) opening Kawartha Championships

playoff game is against the top St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School Saints in Kawartha at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton at 10 a.m.

The Hawks haven't beaten the Saints in two regular season meetings (4-2 and 3-0 losses).

Marsden, who points out the 3-0 loss on the road to the St. Pete's was closer than the score indicated, as one of the goals was an empty netter, knows his girls will have to execute for an upset.

"Move the feet. Move the puck and play aggressive because St. Pete's does play an aggressive style of game so we have to be ready for that and capitalize on our chances. It'll be a 1-0 game," he said.

If the team wins they're assured of a trip to the Kawartha Championships final while a loss will mean a 1 p.m. game, but a lower seed at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championships on March 2.

Marsden said a pair of losses results in the team moving to the AAA class of schools at COSSA.

For all three cases, the team advances to COSSA.

The final four includes St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School, Holy Cross Hurricanes and St. Mary's.

"We'd like to be AA. Triple A is over 900 kids so that's almost double our population. I mean we'll compete. We just have to play smart and keep the game close," he said.

If the team loses both playoff games in Haliburton then it must play in the AAA stream at COSSA.

Several of the Hawks players are banged up, nursing a variety of ailments, but all of them will be able to play in the playoffs, he said.

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Minor hockey

Highland Storm Bantam A moves on to semi-finals

The Storm seized Game 5, winning 5-2 and the series, moving onto the Ontario semi-finals. The excitement began with the Storm losing Game 4, 4-1, Saturday in Gananoque. This gave the Islanders some hope, with the series tied 2-2. It was a do or die game for Gananoque and it showed. They took the lead early in the first and kept it. The Storm managed a goal midway through the third period. A pass by Patterson-Smith onto the stick of Cooper and he found the opening.

The final game was played in Haliburton Sunday afternoon. It was the Storm that came out with all guns firing. Capturing the lead with an early goal, seconds in the first period. Devyn Prentice fed the puck to Patterson-Smith and he snapped it in. With less than a minute in the first, determination paid off with another goal. A pass from Dollo found Manning open, to make it 2-0. Early in the second, the Islanders scored while on a power play, making it 2-1. Later in the second, Manning's second goal came from a hard shot that deflected in, now 3-1. Back and forth action continued. Gananoque kept pushing and succeeded with another goal, closing the gap, ending the second period 3-2. Still uncertain of the outcome, Turner flicked the puck over the goalie during a power play, giving the Storm some breathing room. The clock ticked down and the Storm stayed strong. With minutes left in the game, a rush by Cooper led to a goal by Patterson-Smith, ensuring the win for the Storm team. Smolen was solid in net and great effort by all the boys on the Storm team. A well-earned series!

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Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Peewee AE takes on Crusaders

Proudly sponsored by the magnificent Peppermill Restaurant in wonderful downtown Carnarvon, the Peewee AE Highland Storm travelled to Whitby on Saturday for their second semi-final match against the Druro Crusaders. After an uneven first game loss, the Storm felt that if they put their best game together Druro was a team they could beat.

The Crusaders struck first but if it wasn't for the first-rate goaltending of Nate Misco it could have been worse. Misco made several key saves which gave the Storm confidence to take some chances and although they couldn't capitalize, it certainly wasn't for lack of effort. For every bounce that rolled away from the Druro net it seemed that the opposite would happen at the other end. Owen Harrison, Brenden Newhook and Ethan Coles came close with rebounds slipping just wide of the Crusader net while our defensive unit of Aiden Quinn, Zak Davis,

Billy Walker, Tyler and Cody Martin toughed it out at the other end. Finally after some consistent fore-checking by the line of Jake Sisson, Tim Turner and William Petrie, Cody Martin received the puck at the point and wristed one to give the Storm some life going into the final period.

In the third, the Storm continued to press hard. Solid work on the penalty kill by Jaylin Frost and Brendan Coumbs led to Brady Baldry getting the puck deep in our own end resulting in a beautiful end to end rush by Baldry. The goal was his second goal in as many games. Unfortunately, it was too little too late though and now their backs are against the wall for their game next Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in Haliburton. They deserved better but this team never gives up. Please come out and cheer them on!

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Girls advance to provincials

The Minden Car Quest Auto Midget B girls continued their post season play with focus and determination. On Tuesday, Feb. 17, the Storm hosted the Cold Creek Comets in their second of four provincial playdown round robin games. The Comets took a first period lead of 1-0 late in the first period off a deflection that found its way into the back of the net. The Storm continued to pepper the Comet tender and late in the second period Alicia McLean put a beauty wrister high glove to tie the game. With time running out in the second, Sydney Feir put home a rebound (and eventual game winner) to take the lead at 2-1. Alicia McLean added her second goal of the night midway through the third period with a short-side backhand to give the Storm a 3-1 lead and eventual final score. Great game girls to battle back and secure the win. Big games this weekend against the Peterborough Ice Kats at home Saturday at 2 p.m. in Haliburton and then on the road Sunday afternoon back in Cobourg against the West Northumberland Wild.

The Storm travelled to Cobourg on Wednesday night, Feb. 18 to take in the West Northumberland Wild in the first game of their second round in league playoffs. After a scoreless first period (and getting rid of the flat tire) the Storm slipped three unanswered goals past the Wild netminder in the second period. Alicia McLean, Erin Little and Kelsey Maracle were the Storm snipers. The Wild were kept off the score sheet with strong defence, responsive forward support in all three zones and solid goal tending in the shut-out win – Connor Marsden's first in our league playoffs. Great team effort girls!

The Storm continued their provincial playdowns round robin play in a Saturday afternoon tilt at home against the Peterborough Ice Kats. The Storm jumped out to an early 1-0 lead from Erin Little's bar down snipe in the first period. Maddie Allore added to the Storm lead with a power play marker late in the first period with a wrister that beat the Ice Kat tender. Brynn Meyers put the Storm up 3-0 early in the second period with a short side backhand. Peterborough never gave up their relentless attack but the Storm kept the Ice Kats off the game sheet until late in the third period. With less than a minute to play in the game, the Ice Kats spoiled the Storm shut-out win with a power play goal. The Storm regained the three goal lead with just seconds left in the game as Kelsey Maracle found the net with a solidifying end to end empty netter to secure the big win. The win secured the Storm's participation in the All-Ontario Provincial Championship weekend - April 10 to 12 in the GTA.

The Midget B squad played their final game of their four-game round robin provincial playdowns in Cobourg Sunday afternoon against the West Northumberland Wild. The Storm continued their solid team play and wrapped up their provincial playdown entry with a 5-0 win sweeping the round robin series with four big wins. Kenndal Marsden and Erin Little each had two goals and Alicia McLean chipped in with a single in the dominate performance by the entire Storm roster. Connor Marsden had her second shut out in the provincial playdowns qualifying games.

A typo correction to last week's article of our stellar record should have read: 26 wins, one loss and three ties. Our record to date now stands at 30-1-3 for league play, tournament, league playoffs and provincial playdowns. Outstanding efforts, girls!

An additional sidebar to our Storm girls' hockey is their gruelling schedule of Storm Midget B and Red Hawk high school girls' hockey over-lapping schedules. With 12 of the 14 girls playing on both teams – their record is a testament to their focus and determination – not to mention their endurance and will to succeed – the girls have just played seven games in six days (record of 6-0-1) wrapping up their high school regular season and continuing their post season Storm play. The Red Hawks (5-2-5 = fourth place) have also advanced to the Kawartha Championships – Tuesday, Feb. 24 at the A.J. LaRue arena starting at 10 a.m. vs St. Pete's. Well done all Storm and Red Hawks players. Your outstanding team efforts continue to determine your success!

Submitted by Dan Marsden

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Families and friends of two gentlemen well known in this area are mourning their deaths. Gerald Shackleton and Ross Casey will be well remembered and their presence greatly missed.

Ross Casey, 83 years of age, collapsed in Bancroft while visiting there. After a few days in hospital in Belleville, Ross died there on Sunday, Feb. 15. A long time resident Ross and his wife Ruth (Dunford) raised their family here. Ross worked here and was a well liked member of the community.

Sympathy is extended to Ruth, his son Gary (Laura), daughter Brenda (Joe), to grandchildren Stephen, Julia, Brad and Tyler and all their friends and relatives.

Visitation and funeral service were held at the Barragar Funeral Home in Bancroft on Thursday, Feb. 19. Spring interment at the Wilberforce cemetery.

Gerald Shackleton died on Feb. 14 in the hospital in

Campbellford after a brief stay there. He was in his 99th year of life.

When Gerald and his wife Bessie retired from farm life in the Orono area they moved to Wilberforce. But throughout his years here Gerald remained a true farmer, always happy with his large garden and always willing to share produce and gardening advice. The Shackletons became active members of the United Church, the Agricultural Society and the Seniors Club here. Gerald was a founding member of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild (1991) and helped actively with the development of the Red Cross Outpost into a museum. A few years ago Gerald, then a widower moved to be closer to family, first to Bowmanville, then to Hastings.

A funeral service was held at Trinity United Church in Hastings on Saturday, Feb. 21. Spring interment will be back home in Orono.

Sympathy is extended to his daughter Ruth (Jim) Geddes of Hastings, son Eric of Toronto, grandchildren and all family and friends. A long life well lived.

Want to enjoy some live theatre and support a good local cause? Then attending a performance of Harvest at the Lloyd Watson Centre on either March 6 or 7 is for you. Members of Blackfly Theatre from the Bancroft area will perform this play with assistance from The Loop Troupe. Tickets are \$12 and are available at Agnew's Store and at the door. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Prof-

its will go to the restoration of our historic fire truck. *Harvest* is a bittersweet comedy that tells a poignant very funny story.

Best wishes to Lynn Binskin who recently celebrated her 80th birthday. May this generous lady who is always willing to help others enjoy many more happy healthy years.

Spicing up Cardiff

On Monday, Feb. 16 things got all spiced up at the Cardiff Community Centre as the Bancroft branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints hosted another Community Chilifest. Twelve chilis in total were entered into the contest. Top prize in the mild category went to Robert Spurrier with Dan Wheeler as the runner-up. In the hot category, Sandy Searle won the top prize with Gillian Plumb as the runner-up. The mild People's Choice award was won by Dorothy Foster and in the hot category, Michel Cook received the most votes.

A special thank-you goes out to our three judges, Highlands East councillors Joan Barton, Cam McKenzie, and Suzanne Partridge. Also, sincere appreciation goes to those who donated: Atomic Army Surplus, Bancroft Eatery and Brew Pub, Bird's Creek Feed and Hardware, Cardiff Country Store, Critter Comfort and Clips, Foodland, For the Halibut Fish and Chips, Hannah Lithographers, Kawartha Credit Union, McMichael Jewellers, The Red Steer Butcher Shop, Zehr's Deli and Bakery, and a couple of anonymous donors who know who they are.

Submitted by Keith Plumb



Winners at the Chilliest: Michel Cook, Dorothy Foster, Gillian Plumb, Dan Wheeler, Robert Spurrier and Sandy Searle. /SUBMITTED



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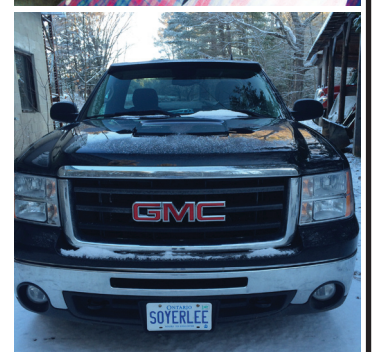
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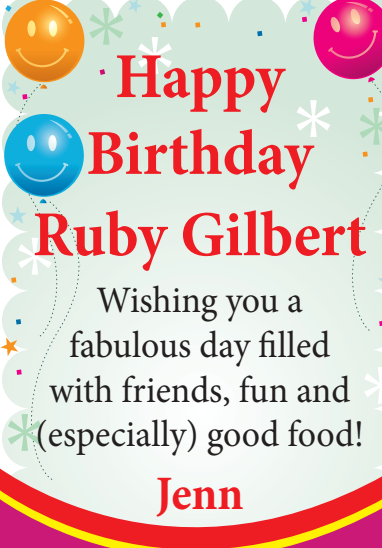
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Hans Henrik Sorensen

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It is with heavy hearts that the family announce the passing of Hans Henrik Sorensen on Friday, February 20, 2015 in his 83rd year. Beloved husband of the late Tove 'Benna' Sorensen nee Bengtsson. Loving father of Kim (Maureen), Jan (Liz), Michael (Peggy), Rene (Denise), Suzanne (Chris) and Marc (Angie). Cherished grandfather of Clayton, Tara, Benjamin, Jennifer, Timothy, Gregory, David, Samantha, Teri, Coral, Darryl and great-granddaughter Mariah. Dear brother of Carl Johan Sorensen and their late sister Hannah, both of Denmark. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Hans was an MP in the Danish Army, where he met his wife Tove. They emigrated to Canada in June 1960, moving to Toronto a few years later, before eventually settling in Haliburton over thirty years ago. He retired from TS Manufacturing in Lindsay fifteen years ago. Dad loved gardening, oil painting and could usually be found sitting in his favourite chair by the wood stove listening to Andre Rieu.

Private Family Gathering

A Private Family Gathering has taken place. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Community Care Access Centre or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209.

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Elva Robinson

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It is with great sorrow we announce the passing of a much loved wife, mother, and grandmother at Extendicare - Haliburton on Saturday February 14, 2015 at the age of 85. Precious and very loving wife to the late John Donald (Don) Robinson. Beloved and devoted mother of Lynda Porter and her husband Robert (Bob) of Haliburton and Jeffrey (Jeff). Much loved grandma of Jennifer and Chris Porter. "We'll be loving you always."

Private Graveside Service

A Private Graveside Service will be held at a later date at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or Extendicare - Proud Pioneers would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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In Loving Memory of

Myrtle Irene Horsley

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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Myrtle's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Spring Interment at the West Guilford Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Extendicare Proud Pioneers would be appreciated by the family.



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John Reginald "Bubba" Carr

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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden for a Gathering to Celebrate John's Life on Thursday, February 26, 2015 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

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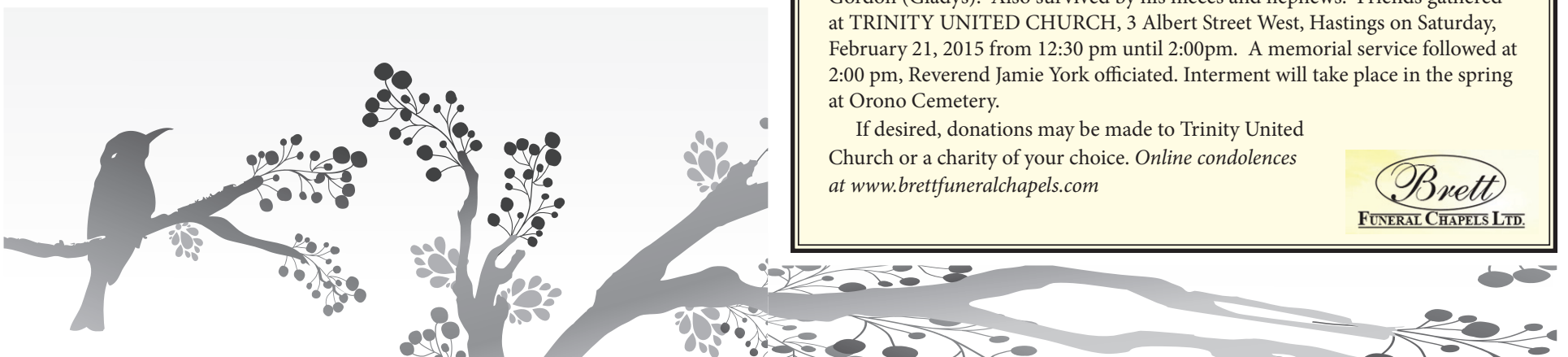


In Loving Memory of SHACKLETON, Gerald Everett

At Campbellford Memorial Hospital on Saturday, February 14, 2015, Gerald Shackleton of Hastings, in his 99th year. Husband of the late Bessie Blackburn (2006) and the late Leonora Ball (1946). Dear father of Eric of Toronto and Ruth Geddes (Jim) of Hastings. Grandpa will be fondly remembered by Christie, Lori (Mike) and Mark (Stephanie) and great-grandchildren Madison, Brighton and Olivine. Brother of Ken (Ruby) and the late

Gordon (Gladys). Also survived by his nieces and nephews. Friends gathered at TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, 3 Albert Street West, Hastings on Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 12:30 pm until 2:00pm. A memorial service followed at 2:00 pm, Reverend Jamie York officiated. Interment will take place in the spring at Orono Cemetery.

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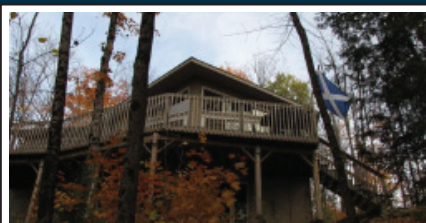
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